

was also seen by the inmates of the hostel at noon a few days prior to its death. This confirms the findings of Roberts (1977) that the species is not exclusively nocturnal. The dead specimen was infested with ticks identified as *Boophilus microplus*.

A live specimen of this species is kept in captivity at Jawahar Park in Solan. The specimen would readily eat fruits like plum, pear, apple, peach, apricot, etc. It also relishes bananas eating the endocarp and mesocarp while the ectocarp is rejected. The animal likes tomatoes also but potatoes, pods of beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris*) and chilli fruits (*Capsicum annum*) were rejected. Only one pod of peas (*Pisum sativum*) was accepted out of three offered. Its routine diet includes bread, milk and bananas. The animal would approach the catables thrown into the cage sniffing alone the ground. During the process the vibrissae are always kept backwards. The animal is active mostly during morning and evening hours and accepted food during this period only. During the day time, the animal

was always found sleeping and did not wake up even when disturbed.

The flesh of the shot animals, as told by the villagers, is not thrown but always consumed by the villagers. But there were no reports suggesting that the animal is killed for its flesh only.

It can be concluded from the above account that Himalayan Palm Civet *Paguma larvata* (Hamilton-Smith) damages fruits and vegetables in the mid-hills of Himachal Pradesh.

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### 4. OCCURRENCE OF THE WOLF (*CANIS LUPUS* LINNAEUS) IN REWA DISTRICT (M.P.)

The present distributional status of the species includes six civil districts of the Madhya Pradesh State (S.P. Shahi, *JBNHS*, 79: 493-503, accompanying map showed known wolf habitats).

On 23 March 1993 while travelling from my H.Q. at Sidhi to Rewa, a solitary Wolf was sighted in Chhuhiyaghat section on Govindgarh side, around 1700 hr., crossing the road in front of our slow moving vehicle. This location was amidst hilly scrub forest. Incidentally, this degraded area is a part of the same forest, where the

Ex-Ruler of Rewa State, captured a white tiger Cub.

Earlier in the year 1978, a wolf was seen in the scrub bush forest between Kanker and Keshkal in the Bastar Dist. of Madhya Pradesh.

These locations are additions to the known distribution of the species.

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